



**Maryland Developmental
Disabilities Council**

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**Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 3, 2020**

Present:

- Angie Auldridge
- Damon Briggs
- Carmen Brown
- Kalani Brown
- Jamal Cannady
- Laura-Sun Cefaratti
- Brent Debnam
- Lisa Derx
- Harold Gomes
- Elizabeth Hall (Representing Carol Beatty)
- Kay Han
- Kathy Hargett
- Teresa Herbert
- Jarred Jones
- Karenn Jones
- Meghan Jones
- Amanda Lay
- Jed Miller
- Rebecca Oliver
- Dee Sapp
- Ruth Shipps
- Irene Souada
- Teri Sparks
- Maureen van Stone
- Bernie Simons
- Liz Weintraub
- Russell Young

Absent:

- Monique Binger
- Jill Hill
- Ronetta Stanley

Staff:

- Rachel London
- Shawan Pearson
- Christy Russell
- Keith Walmsley

Meeting called to order at 3:35 p.m. by Kalani Brown, Council Chairperson

Welcome and Introductions – Kalani Brown

Kalani welcomed the Members of the Council.

Public Comments

- No public comments presented.

Approval of Minutes – Kalani Brown

M/S/P to approve the September 17, 2020 minutes.

Council Chair Report – Kalani Brown

Executive Committee Funding

- \$85,000 to the University of Maryland, College Park – Center for Transition and Career Innovation (CTCI) to establish Terps – EXCEED, an inclusive higher education program for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities at the University of Maryland, College Park.
- \$150,000 for a subject matter expert to provide technical assistance to five (5) DDA providers to reimagine, rebuild, and refocus their business and service models during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Small Grants

- 2 applications submitted
- 1 out of 2 grants approved: \$5,000

Education and Training Event Sponsorships

- 3 applications submitted
- 2 out of 3 grants approved: \$4,000

Unsolicited Funds Request

- 1 application submitted
- 1 out of 1 approved for \$9,421

Executive Director Report – Rachel London

- Brian Miller resigned from his position as Director of Grants and Information Management, and his last day is December 15, 2020. Upon approval from the Maryland Department of Budget and Management, the Council will begin the recruitment process for the position.
- Council staff will select the consultant to develop the goals, objectives, activities, logic model, and evaluation for the next 5 Year State Plan.
- The Maryland Department of Health has a new Acting Secretary Dennis Schrader
- The Maryland Developmental Disabilities Coalition (Coalition) sent a letter to the Governor about budget priorities for people with developmental disabilities and their families.
- The Coalition sent a letter to the Secretary of the Department of Health advocating for COVID-19 vaccine prioritization for people with developmental disabilities.
- The Council is creating COVID-19 vaccine information in plain language. The information is located on the website, as a separate webpage under the COVID-19 Resources webpage.

2021 Public Policy Platform Updates – Keith Walmsley & Rachel London

The Public Policy Platform was provided to the Council for review. A Public Policy Platform Quick Guide, in plain language, was also created. Both are on the Council's website, under the Policy tab.

FFY20 Final Budget Report – Christy Russell

The final FFY20 budget was presented.

State Plan Work Team - Amanda Lay

- A motion from the State Plan Work Team to adopt the state plan priorities, which inform the goals, objectives, and activities of the next 5 Year State Plan, was put forward and discussed.
- M/S/P the state plan priorities as presented.

Targeted Disparity Work Team – Keith Walmsley

- A motion from the Diversity Work Team to adopt the targeted disparity objective was put forward and discussed.
- M/S/P to approve the targeted disparity objective for the next 5 Year State Plan.

State Agency and Sister Agency Reports

No State Agency and Sister Agency Reports provided.

Meeting Adjourn @ 5:33p.m.